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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

July Data

September 2007

2006 Employment and Wages in Maine

Employment and wages discussed in this article are for workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance programs. Workers in these programs generally account for over 95 percent of civilian wage and salary employment.

Total Wages

Total wages paid to workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance programs in Maine rose 4.0 percent, from \$19.4 billion in 2005 to \$20.2 billion in 2006. This compares to an increase of 6.3 percent nationally and gains ranging from 4.6 percent in Vermont to 5.8 percent in New Hampshire.

Total wage gains in Maine ranged from 1.1 percent in manufacturing to 7.2 percent in professional and business services

Maine	Total Wages (in thousands)		Change	
	2005	2006	Net	Percent
Total	\$19,448,211	\$20,227,776	\$779,565	4.0
Private	15,909,335	16,562,736	653,401	4.1
Construction	1,086,528	1,155,006	68,478	6.3
Manufacturing	2,585,415	2,613,682	28,266	1.1
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	3,462,665	3,574,621	111,955	3.2
Information	450,224	464,204	13,980	3.1
Financial Activities	1,457,090	1,490,692	34,593	2.4
Professional and Business Services	1,972,798	2,113,864	141,065	7.2
Educational and Health Services	3,471,624	3,664,675	193,051	5.6
Leisure and Hospitality Services	860,101	906,526	46,425	5.4
Other Services	409,551	395,825	126,164	3.6
Government	3,538,875	3,665,040	126,164	3.6

Annual Average Employment

Employment rose 0.7 percent, from 594,577 in 2005 to 598,581 in 2006. This compares to an increase of 1.7 percent nationally and gains ranging from 0.7 percent in Vermont and Rhode Island to 1.7 percent in Connecticut.

In Maine, employment gains, primarily in education and health services and professional and business services, more than offset losses in manufacturing, financial activities, and other services.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by Labor Market Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ¹			EMPLOYED ²			UNEMPLOYED ³			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ⁴		
	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06
LABOR MARKET AREAS⁵												
Augusta	45,380	44,470	45,080	43,470	42,730	43,220	1,910	1,740	1,860	4.2%	3.9%	4.1%
Augusta-Waterville Combined ⁶	68,340	67,500	68,050	65,270	64,680	65,080	3,060	2,810	2,970	4.5	4.2	4.4
Bangor	71,300	71,800	71,000	67,900	68,600	67,700	3,500	3,200	3,200	4.8	4.4	4.6
Belfast	13,990	13,630	14,030	13,290	12,970	13,330	710	660	700	5.0	4.8	5.0
Boothbay Harbor	5,800	5,190	5,610	5,640	5,030	5,450	160	170	170	2.8	3.2	3.0
Bridgton-Paris	14,490	14,340	14,870	13,720	13,610	14,150	770	730	730	5.3	5.1	4.9
Brunswick	35,730	35,520	35,130	34,290	34,200	33,740	1,450	1,310	1,400	4.0	3.7	4.0
Calais	6,190	6,100	6,190	5,660	5,640	5,730	530	460	460	8.6	7.5	7.4
Camden	8,710	8,450	8,770	8,380	8,140	8,460	330	310	310	3.8	3.6	3.5
Conway, NH-ME ⁷	4,180	3,950	4,150	4,050	3,820	3,980	130	130	170	3.0	3.3	4.0
Dover-Foxcroft	9,700	9,780	9,710	9,020	9,140	9,120	680	640	590	7.0	6.6	6.1
Ellsworth	33,270	32,040	33,280	31,900	30,730	31,980	1,370	1,310	1,300	4.1	4.1	3.9
Farmington	16,700	16,740	17,180	15,620	15,760	16,140	1,070	980	1,040	6.4	5.9	6.0
Houlton	8,610	8,650	8,710	8,020	8,050	8,050	590	610	660	6.9	7.0	7.6
Lewiston-Auburn	57,700	57,800	57,800	55,000	55,300	55,000	2,700	2,500	2,700	4.7	4.3	4.7
Lincoln	3,830	3,860	3,760	3,570	3,590	3,520	260	270	250	6.8	7.0	6.5
Machias	8,460	8,380	8,360	7,960	7,860	7,840	500	520	530	5.9	6.2	6.3
Madawaska	2,970	2,990	3,000	2,790	2,810	2,830	180	180	170	5.9	6.0	5.6
Millinocket	4,250	4,370	4,360	3,900	4,040	4,010	350	330	350	8.2	7.5	8.1
Pittsfield	7,630	7,740	7,670	7,130	7,260	7,200	500	480	480	6.6	6.2	6.2
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	212,300	210,700	211,600	204,700	203,700	204,300	7,600	7,000	7,300	3.6	3.3	3.4
Portland-South Portland-Sanford Combined ⁶	223,800	222,000	223,100	215,600	214,500	215,200	8,200	7,500	7,900	3.7	3.4	3.5
Portsmouth, NH-ME ⁷	10,020	9,920	9,940	9,730	9,650	9,560	290	270	380	2.9	2.7	3.9
Presque Isle	24,900	25,200	25,550	23,420	23,670	23,890	1,480	1,540	1,660	6.0	6.1	6.5
Rochester-Dover, NH-ME ⁷	11,380	11,330	11,360	11,050	10,990	10,850	330	340	510	2.9	3.0	4.5
Rockland	13,630	13,260	13,480	13,060	12,740	12,950	570	520	530	4.1	4.0	3.9
Rumford	9,880	9,870	9,780	9,150	9,140	9,030	730	730	750	7.4	7.4	7.7
Saint George	1,570	1,520	1,560	1,520	1,480	1,500	50	40	50	3.4	2.9	3.5
Sanford	11,480	11,380	11,450	10,890	10,840	10,840	600	540	620	5.2	4.8	5.4
Skowhegan	15,300	15,500	15,170	14,320	14,560	14,180	990	950	1,000	6.4	6.1	6.6
Waldoboro	10,530	10,190	10,250	10,130	9,810	9,840	400	370	410	3.8	3.7	4.0
Waterville	22,950	23,030	22,970	21,800	21,960	21,860	1,150	1,070	1,110	5.0	4.7	4.8
York	19,980	18,950	20,230	19,390	18,400	19,610	600	550	620	3.0	2.9	3.1
MAINE	729,400	723,200	728,600	696,700	692,600	696,300	32,700	30,700	32,300	4.5	4.2	4.4
UNITED STATES (000)	154,871	154,252	153,208	147,315	146,958	145,608	7,556	7,295	7,602	4.9	4.7	5.0

¹ Civilian labor force, employed, and unemployed estimates are by place of residence. Current year estimates are preliminary; year-ago estimates are revised. Items may not add due to rounding. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces.

² Total employment includes nonfarm wage and salary workers, agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics, the self employed, and workers involved in labor disputes.

³ People are classified as unemployed, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment benefits or public assistance, if they meet all of the following criteria: 1) they were not employed during the survey week; 2) they were available for work at that time; and 3) they made specific efforts to find employment some time during the prior four weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

⁴ The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing the total number of unemployed by the total civilian labor force and is expressed as a percent.

⁵ Bangor; Lewiston-Auburn; Portland-South Portland-Biddeford; Portsmouth, NH-ME; and Rochester-Dover, NH-ME are Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Augusta, Brunswick, Rockland, Sanford, and Waterville are Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

⁶ Adjacent metropolitan and/or micropolitan statistical areas that have a specific level of economic integration, but still retain separate identities.

⁷ Maine portion of the area which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by County, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	58,750	58,860	58,860	55,990	56,310	56,090	2,760	2,550	2,770	4.7%	4.3%	4.7%
Aroostook	35,530	35,870	36,300	33,350	33,640	33,890	2,180	2,220	2,410	6.1	6.2	6.6
Cumberland	163,300	162,060	162,710	157,350	156,580	157,020	5,950	5,480	5,680	3.6	3.4	3.5
Franklin	14,170	14,220	14,570	13,270	13,390	13,710	900	830	860	6.4	5.9	5.9
Hancock	33,260	32,060	33,230	31,890	30,770	31,970	1,360	1,290	1,260	4.1	4.0	3.8
Kennebec	65,540	64,720	65,280	62,630	62,020	62,450	2,910	2,700	2,830	4.4	4.2	4.3
Knox	23,230	22,560	23,090	22,310	21,720	22,230	920	840	860	4.0	3.7	3.7
Lincoln	20,770	19,770	20,260	20,020	19,090	19,500	750	680	760	3.6	3.4	3.7
Oxford	28,950	28,590	29,080	27,330	27,020	27,450	1,620	1,570	1,620	5.6	5.5	5.6
Penobscot	79,000	79,640	78,730	74,870	75,800	74,840	4,140	3,840	3,890	5.2	4.8	4.9
Piscataquis	7,740	7,830	7,750	7,210	7,310	7,300	530	510	450	6.8	6.6	5.8
Sagadahoc	19,490	19,400	19,190	18,730	18,680	18,430	760	720	760	3.9	3.7	4.0
Somerset	25,470	25,770	25,390	23,870	24,250	23,820	1,590	1,520	1,570	6.3	5.9	6.2
Waldo	20,000	19,610	20,050	19,000	18,670	19,060	990	940	990	5.0	4.8	4.9
Washington	15,530	15,380	15,500	14,450	14,320	14,410	1,080	1,060	1,090	7.0	6.9	7.0
York	118,690	116,880	118,620	114,460	112,970	114,140	4,230	3,910	4,470	3.6	3.3	3.8
MAINE	729,400	723,200	728,600	696,700	692,600	696,300	32,700	30,700	32,300	4.5	4.2	4.4
UNITED STATES (000)	154,871	154,252	153,208	147,315	146,958	145,608	7,556	7,295	7,602	4.9	4.7	5.0

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Maine Merrill Huhtala (207) 621-5196

Big Lots opened their fourth Maine store in Augusta, occupying much of the former Service Merchandise site in Shaw's Plaza. ♦ **Camden National Corporation** will purchase Union Bankshares Company (parent corporation of Union Trust). Camden National operates 27 branches, while Union Trust has 13. ♦ A \$240,000 grant from the North Star Alliance was given to the steering committee of the **Many Flags/One Campus** program to kickstart a marine system training program in the midcoast area. ♦ **Rockland** was cited by National Geographic Adventure magazine as one the top 50 adventure spots in the United States.

Western Maine Gerard Dennison (207) 753-9045

Best Buy, **Petco**, **Payless Shoe Store**, **Dollar Tree**, and **Game Stop** all opened new retail stores at the Topsham Fair Mall in the spring/summer of 2007. ♦ **Mid Coast Hospital** in Brunswick is planning a \$21 million, 8,300 square-foot expansion to the hospital's 74-bed facility built in 2001. If all goes well, construction is expected to start in the spring of 2008 and be completed in 2010. ♦ **U.S. Windblades LLC** leased space in Bath. The manufacturer plans to create 32 jobs over five years after being awarded more than \$212,000 by the Maine Technology Institute and nearly \$100,000 by the North Star Alliance Technology Fund.

North/East Maine Craig Holland (207) 941-3076

Nautel Maine Inc. laid off 15 workers due to lagging sales of the company's radio navigational products. Nautel Maine, which is owned by Halifax-based Nautel Ltd., employed 40 people before the layoffs. ♦ **Red Shield Environmental LLC**, the group of investors who purchased the former Georgia-Pacific mill in Old Town in late 2006, announced another tenant for the site. **Old Town Logistics** will operate the warehouses and allow nearby mills to store pulp and paper products. ♦ The U.S. Department of Labor will assist the 150 mill workers who lost their jobs in July when **Domtar Corp.** shut down its paper machine at its Woodland mill in Baileyville.

Southern Maine Gerard Dennison (207) 753-9045

The **Lowe's Home Improvement Center** located in the Scarborough Gallery complex has opened. Once fully staffed, the store will employ about 150 people. ♦ **Citigroup Inc.**, a New York City-based financial services company, will close two of its offices in Portland by July 2008. Approximately 260 employees of Citigroup will be affected. ♦ **Maine Medical Center** is seeking an academic partner in its efforts to start a new medical school and hopes to have the program in place for the fall of 2010. Twenty slots are to be reserved for Maine students.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

ITEM	2007							2006					
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul
Civilian Labor Force	710.8	712.3	713.8	714.3	714.4	713.5	719.6	716.7	715.7	714.7	713.9	713.9	711.5
Employed	676.8	680.6	681.4	683.9	683.9	682.3	687.9	683.6	682.2	680.8	680.2	680.1	678.2
Unemployed	34.1	31.7	32.4	30.4	30.4	31.3	31.7	33.1	33.5	33.9	33.7	33.7	33.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted¹ (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	2007							2006					
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	618.0	619.7	617.3	618.5	617.1	615.7	617.0	615.2	614.1	612.7	614.4	615.3	614.0
Natural Resources	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Construction	31.6	32.1	31.8	32.1	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.5	31.4	31.1	31.3	31.4	31.3
Manufacturing	60.0	59.3	59.7	59.7	59.6	59.5	59.4	59.3	59.4	59.4	59.7	60.0	60.4
Durable Goods	31.8	31.9	32.1	32.1	32.0	31.7	31.7	31.9	31.9	32.0	31.9	32.1	32.3
Nondurable Goods	28.2	27.4	27.6	27.6	27.6	27.8	27.7	27.4	27.5	27.4	27.8	27.9	28.1
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	125.8	126.3	126.3	126.9	126.6	125.8	127.0	125.5	125.2	125.0	125.4	125.2	125.0
Wholesale Trade	21.8	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.7	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.6	21.5	21.6
Retail Trade	86.6	87.1	87.2	87.8	87.7	87.0	88.2	87.0	86.8	86.5	86.9	86.8	86.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	16.9	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.9
Information	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.3
Financial Activities	33.0	33.2	33.0	33.0	33.3	33.4	33.6	33.5	33.6	33.6	33.4	33.4	33.4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1
Professional and Business Services	52.6	53.1	52.7	52.8	52.3	52.3	51.8	51.9	51.9	51.7	51.7	51.6	51.7
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	23.0	23.4	23.0	23.2	23.1	23.1	22.8	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.5	22.4	22.4
Educational and Health Services	116.4	116.4	115.8	115.9	115.6	115.2	114.9	114.5	114.4	114.2	114.2	114.3	114.0
Educational Services	18.3	18.6	18.7	18.7	18.6	18.6	18.5	18.4	18.6	18.5	18.5	18.6	18.3
Leisure and Hospitality Services	59.6	61.0	59.5	60.6	60.3	60.0	60.0	60.5	59.8	59.3	59.6	59.4	59.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.1	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.1
Accommodation and Food Services	51.5	53.0	51.8	52.6	52.4	51.9	51.9	52.7	52.0	51.4	51.6	51.4	51.3
Other Services	19.5	19.6	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.2	19.1	19.4	19.5	19.4	19.4	19.6	19.6
Government	105.3	104.5	105.1	104.4	104.3	104.4	105.2	104.9	104.9	105.0	105.7	106.3	105.1
State Government	28.5	28.4	28.5	28.0	28.0	27.9	28.7	28.6	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.8	28.7
Local Government	62.8	61.8	62.3	62.3	62.2	62.1	62.3	62.1	62.1	62.2	62.6	63.8	62.2

¹ See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 7. Information is not suitable for seasonal adjustment because it has very little seasonal and irregular movement. Source: see page 2.

Maine Unemployment Rate 4.8 Percent in July

State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the preliminary seasonally-adjusted July unemployment rate for Maine was 4.8 percent, up from 4.4 percent for June and 4.7 percent for July 2006. The national unemployment rate for July was 4.6 percent.

Seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs fell by 1,700 between June and July, after rising by 2,400 between May and June. The decline of 1,700 nonfarm jobs between June and July was due in large part to job losses in leisure and hospitality services, construction, and retail trade.

“While month-to-month changes have been somewhat volatile lately, in general the trend this year has been modest job growth, with a net increase of 1,000 nonfarm jobs between January and July,” said Commissioner Fortman.

Between July 2006 and July 2007, the total number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 4,000 to 618,000. Over-the-year, the largest job gains were recorded in health care and social assistance; professional and business services; trade, transportation, and utilities; and construction. Job losses were registered in manufacturing

and financial activities.

Other New England states reporting a seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for July include New Hampshire, 3.9 percent; Connecticut, 4.5; Rhode Island, 5.0 percent; and Massachusetts, 5.1 percent. The adjusted national rate for July was 4.6 percent, up from 4.5 percent for June and down from 4.8 percent for July 2006.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for July was 4.5 percent, up from 4.2 percent for June and 4.4 percent for July 2006. The unadjusted national rate was 4.9 percent for July, up from 4.7 percent for June and down from 5.0 percent for July 2006. Not-seasonally-adjusted July unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 3.6 percent for Cumberland, Lincoln, and York counties to 7.0 percent for Washington County (see graph).

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine fell by 5,000 between June and July. Local government jobs dropped by 12,500 due to seasonal reductions of nonprofessional staff in local schools. These losses were partially offset by seasonal gains in leisure and hospitality services and retail trade.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	July 2007	June 2007	July 2006
Average Duration	14.1	14.1	14.3
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$247.23	\$248.93	\$238.85
Exhaustees	783	721	658

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

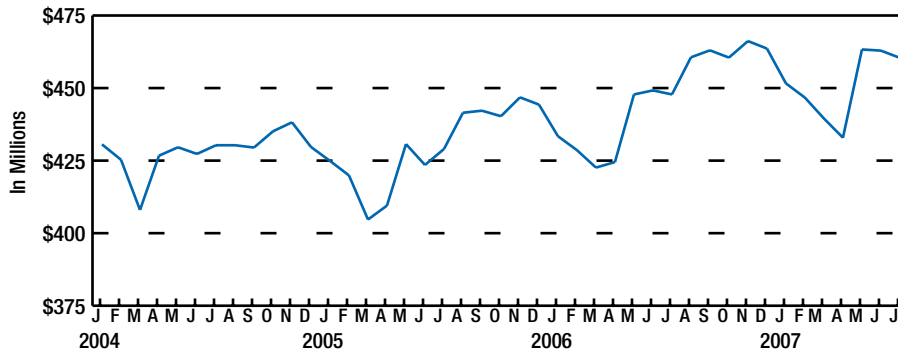
Week	7/28	7/21	7/14	7/7	6/30	6/23	6/16
2007	854	915	1,164	994	1,065	1,066	1,014
Week	7/29	7/22	7/15	7/8	7/1	6/24	6/17
2006	891	924	1,228	685	1,205	1,078	1,032

Continued Claims Less Partial*

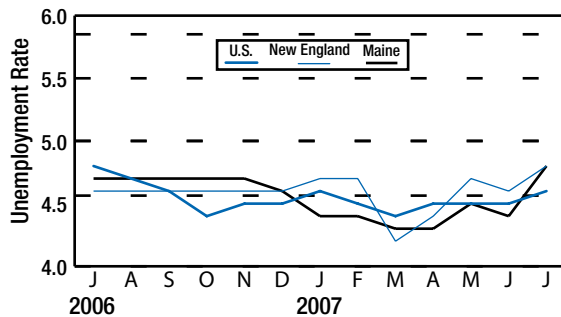
July 2007	June 2007	July 2006
6,531	6,729	6,801

* For the week including the 12th of the month.

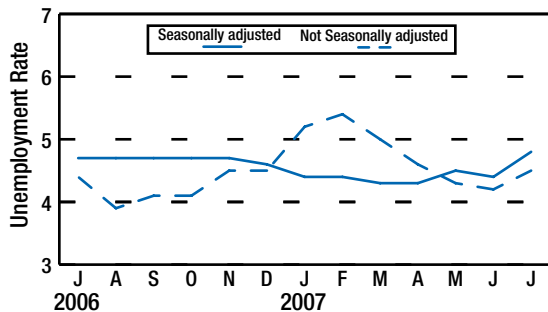
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



Unemployment Rates for Maine



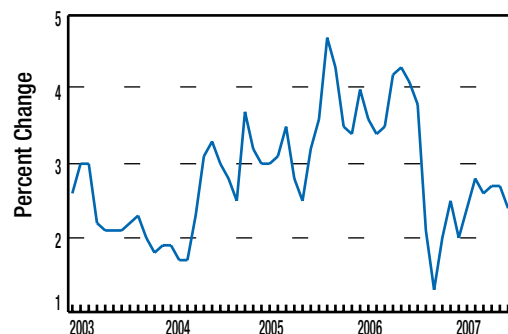
U.S. Consumer Price Index

for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Dec 06
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	208.3	208.4	203.5	201.8

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.4%
Percent change from Last December	+3.2%

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, Not Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND- SO. PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON- AUBURN MSA			BANGOR MSA		
	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	628.2	633.2	625.1	198.3	200.0	197.2	48.5	49.4	47.9	64.0	65.8	63.6
Total Private	534.9	527.5	531.9	175.9	174.4	174.6	43.6	43.6	43.0	52.9	53.5	52.2
Goods Producing	96.3	96.1	97.4	25.9	26.0	25.8	9.1	9.1	9.2	7.2	7.1	6.8
Natural Resources and Mining	2.8	2.6	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.3
Logging	2.7	2.5	2.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	34.2	34.0	34.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.6	3.5	3.4
Construction of Buildings	8.4	8.3	8.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	3.7	3.6	3.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Specialty Trade Contractors	22.1	22.1	21.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	59.3	59.5	60.5	15.0	15.0	15.0	6.1	6.2	6.2	3.3	3.3	3.1
Durable Goods	31.5	31.9	32.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wood Product Manufacturing	5.8	6.0	6.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	3.5	3.6	3.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment Mfg.	9.2	9.2	9.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	27.8	27.6	28.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper Manufacturing	8.7	8.6	9.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Service-Providing	531.9	537.1	527.7	172.4	174.0	171.4	39.4	40.3	38.7	56.8	58.7	56.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	128.7	127.4	127.7	42.4	42.2	41.6	10.1	10.1	9.7	15.3	15.5	15.2
Wholesale Trade	22.2	22.1	22.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.3
Retail Trade	88.8	87.7	88.4	28.0	27.8	27.2	6.4	6.4	6.3	10.4	10.4	10.1
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	10.7	10.7	10.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food and Beverage Stores	19.3	19.0	19.3	6.4	6.2	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
General Merchandise Stores	12.9	12.9	12.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonstore Retailers	8.2	8.1	8.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.7	17.6	17.2	5.5	5.5	5.5	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.7	2.9	2.8
Utilities	1.9	1.9	1.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation and Warehousing	15.8	15.7	15.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Information	11.4	11.4	11.3	5.0	4.9	5.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.5	1.4
Publishing Industries	3.5	3.6	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	33.7	33.5	34.0	15.6	15.4	15.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Finance and Insurance	26.3	26.2	26.4	12.1	12.2	12.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	12.1	12.1	12.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.4	7.3	7.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	54.1	54.3	53.1	21.9	22.3	21.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	6.2	6.4	5.9
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	24.0	23.9	23.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	5.7	5.7	5.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	24.4	24.7	23.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Education and Health Services	115.3	115.4	113.1	34.5	34.6	34.1	10.2	10.3	9.9	13.1	13.1	12.9
Educational Services	17.2	17.3	17.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	98.1	98.1	96.0	30.8	30.7	30.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ambulatory Health Care Services	25.7	25.7	25.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospitals	30.8	30.7	29.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nursing and Residential Care	22.9	22.8	22.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Assistance	18.7	18.9	18.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	75.3	69.6	75.0	24.7	23.2	24.5	4.0	3.9	4.0	5.7	5.8	5.7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10.5	9.4	10.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation and Food Services	64.8	60.2	64.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation	17.2	14.1	17.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Services and Drinking Places	47.6	46.1	47.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	20.1	19.8	20.3	5.9	5.8	6.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.9	2.1
Government	93.3	105.7	93.2	22.4	25.6	22.6	4.9	5.8	4.9	11.1	12.3	11.4
Federal	14.4	14.3	14.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
State	26.2	26.2	26.5	5.2	5.4	5.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.6	5.5	5.7
Local ²	52.7	65.2	52.3	14.8	17.8	14.9	3.9	4.8	3.9	4.3	5.6	4.5

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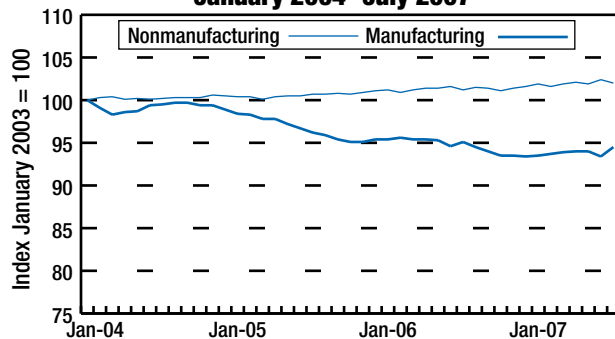
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 06	2006	2005	2004
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$784.35	\$786.77	\$796.10	41.5	41.3	41.9	\$18.90	\$19.05	\$19.00	\$18.57	\$17.28	\$16.97
Durable Goods	821.94	804.64	764.36	42.0	41.2	41.7	19.57	19.53	18.33	18.18	16.77	16.78
Nondurable Goods	744.38	767.97	832.61	40.9	41.4	42.2	18.20	18.55	19.73	19.01	17.81	17.17
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	660.48	663.49	639.97	43.0	43.0	43.3	15.36	15.43	14.78	14.77	14.10	13.88

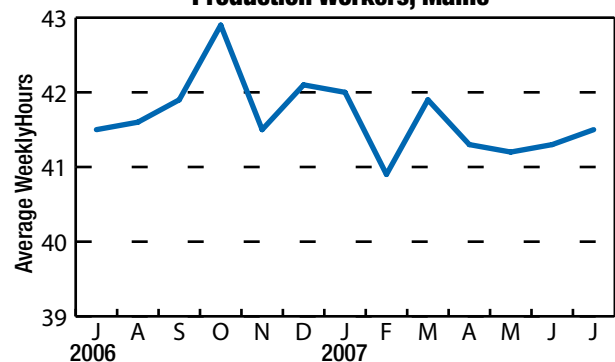
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings.

Source: See page 2.

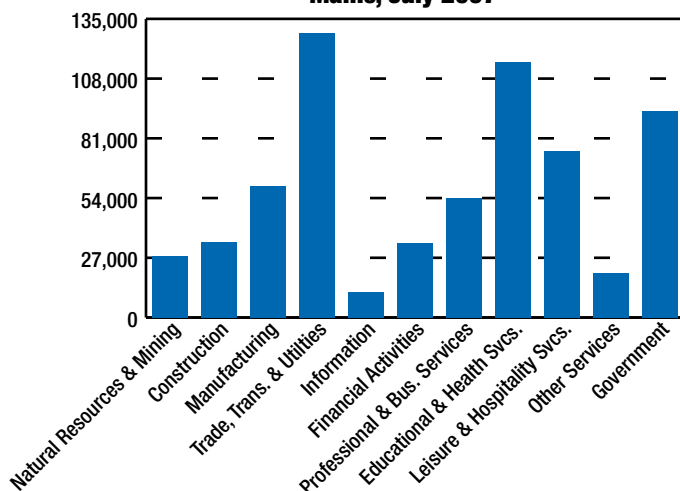
**Nonfarm Employment Trend by Sector
January 2004- July 2007¹**



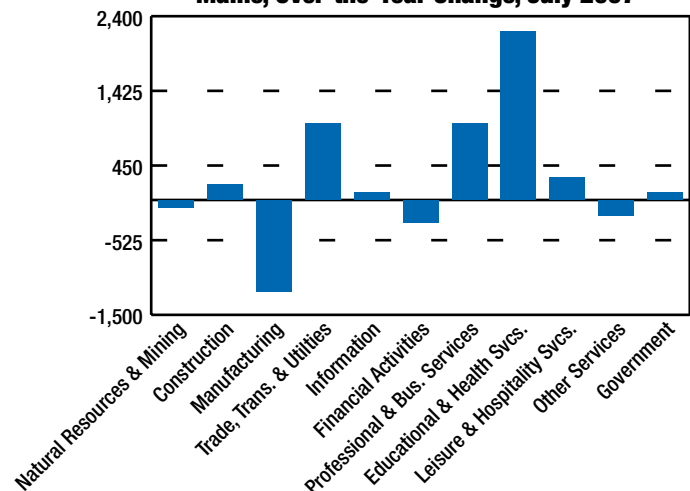
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, July 2007²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, July 2007²**



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Footnotes: From page 6.

¹ Nonfarm wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, the self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry. Current month's estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. These estimates are benchmarked to March 2006. As a measure of reliability, the March 2006 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was 0.4 percent higher than the original sample-based estimate.

² Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months.

* Where an employment estimate is not entered, either the data is not available in sufficient detail for publication or is nondisclosable by law.

Source: See page 2.

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Average Annual Wage

Average annual wage changes are affected by several factors in addition to pay changes for individual workers including: ratio of full-time to part-time workers, number of individuals in high-paying and low-paying occupations, and industry employment growth and decline. For example, the average annual wage of an industry could increase when there is a large decline in the number of employees that had been receiving below-average wages.

The average annual wage of all workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance programs in Maine rose 3.3 percent, from \$32,709 in 2005 to \$33,793 in 2006. This compares to an increase of 4.5 percent nationally and gains ranging from 3.6 percent in Connecticut to 4.7 percent in New Hampshire.

Average annual wage gains in Maine ranged from 2.0 percent in information to 4.4 percent in leisure and hospitality services

Maine	Average Annual Wage		Change	
	2005	2006	Net	Percent
Total	\$32,709	\$33,793	\$1,084	3.3
Private	32,112	33,196	1,084	3.4
Construction	35,489	36,890	1,401	3.9
Manufacturing	42,133	43,477	1,344	3.2
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	27,824	28,582	758	2.7
Information	40,371	41,196	825	2.0
Financial Activities	44,224	46,100	1,876	4.2
Professional and Business Services	39,193	40,766	1,573	4.0
Educational and Health Services	33,627	34,850	1,223	3.6
Leisure and Hospitality Services	14,541	15,174	633	4.4
Other Services	23,925	24,512	587	2.5
Government	35,694	36,781	1,087	3.0

2006 County Wages

Between 2005 and 2006, the change in annual average wages ranged from 0.0 percent in Lincoln County to 5.6 percent in Waldo County. Waldo, Washington, and Somerset counties recorded wage gains of more than 4.0 percent. Wage gains of less than 2.0 percent were registered by Oxford, Knox, and Lincoln counties.

Cumberland	\$38,270
Sagadahoc	\$36,789
York	\$33,773
Kennebec	\$33,073
Androscoggin	\$32,233
Penobscot	\$31,759
Somerset	\$30,916
Hancock	\$30,423
Franklin	\$30,234
Knox	\$29,841
Waldo	\$28,841
Oxford	\$28,404
Aroostook	\$28,117
Washington	\$27,343
Lincoln	\$27,282
Piscataquis	\$25,660

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